



NJAFP 2024 Resolution #11
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Providing Copies of Medical Records

1 **Whereas:** Most physicians now use electronic medical records, and

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3 **Whereas:** generic medications play a pivotal role in providing cost-effective and clinically
4 equivalent alternatives to brand-name drugs, contributing to improved affordability and
5 accessibility for patients; and

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7 **Whereas:** Electronic medical record systems create voluminous records when transferred to
8 paper, and

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10 **Whereas:** the NJ Board of Medical Examiners has not updated the rules and regulations
11 regarding the provision of medical records (13:35-6.5) to truly reflect the almost exclusive use of
12 electronic records, and

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14 **Whereas:** the guidelines regarding the provision of records for free are vague as to the format
15 and the length of time after the termination of the doctor-patient relationship that this must be
16 done, now therefore be it

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18 **RESOLVED:** that the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP), in collaboration
19 with other state medical organizations, advocate that the State Board of Medical Examiners to
20 update the rules and regulations regarding provisioning of medical records to better reflect the
21 electronic format of these records, and be it further

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23 **RESOLVED:** that the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP), in collaboration
24 with other state medical organizations, work with the State Board of Medical Examiners to also
25 indicate a time period and number of times medical records need to be provided for free, in those
26 situations that require free provisions.